Drinking water for Kutch district

2456. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are chalking out a scheme for drinking water for Kutch District in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the villages in the district would be covered by the proposed scheme; and

(d) the total expenditure involved thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) to (d) Rural Water Supply is a State subject. State Governments have been implementing Rural Water Supply Programmes under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). The Central Government supplement the efforts of the State Government by providing central assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The State Governments have been delegated powers to plan and implement individual Water Supply Schemes under ARWSP on the pattern of MNP. As per the information furnished by the Government of Gujarat, the State Government has planned a scheme to provide drinking water to Saurashtra, Kutch and North Gujarat which the covers all the villages of Kutch district. The total estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 4700 crore.

Development scheme in Gujarat village

2457. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme for development of women and children in the rural areas of the country was formulated;

(b) if so, the details of village covered under the scheme in Gujarat;

(c) the amount of funds allocated for implementation of the scheme during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(d) the details of villages benefited under the scheme; and

(e) by when the remaining villages would be covered under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(c) The funds all located for implementation of the scheme during the Eighth Five Year Plan period is Rs. 744.376 lakhs.

(e) The State Government have indicated that the remaining villages would be covered under the scheme as and when DWCRA groups are formed.

Statement

Details of Villages benfited under the Scheme

Sr.	Name of District	No. of Villages	Villages covered under DWCRA	Remaining Villages	No. of Formed DWCRA Groups upto Feb 99
1	Ahemedabad	673	385	288	547
2	Amreli	605	182	423	294
3	Kachchh	882	299	583	522
4	Kheda	966	640	326	708
5	Gandhinagar	71	67	4	189
6	Jamnagar	680	234	446	285
7	Junagadh	938	540	398	712
8	Dang	311	179	132	215
9	Panchmahal	1898	525	1373	596
10	Banaskantha	1817	525	1292	439
11	Baruch	1108	462	646	505
12	Bhavnagar	890	219	671	305
13	Mehsana	1138	314	824	353
14	Rajkot	864	201	663	271
15	Vadodara	1647	293	1354	328
16	Valsad	858	278	580	378
17	Sabarkantha	1363	283	1080	329
18	Surat	1279	456	822	458
19	Surendranagar	648	293	355	470
	TOTAL	18635	6375	12260	7904

NOTE : 1,02,158 women benefited